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time to come, provision was made by another law, that there should be one *free-school* at least erected in every diocess. *Davies*.
Two clergymen stood candidates for a small *free-school* in —shire, where a gentleman of interest in the country, who happened to have a better understanding than his neighbours, procured the place for him who was the better scholar. *Swift*.

FREESPOKEN. *adj.* [*free* and *spoken*.] Accustomed to speak without reserve.

Nerva one night supped privately with some six or seven; amongst whom there was one that was a dangerous man, and began to take the like courtes as Marcellus and Regulus had done: the emperor fell into discourse of the injustice and tyranny of the former time, and, by name, of the two accusers; and said, what should we do with them, if we had them now? One of them that was at supper, and was a *free-spoken* senator, said, Marry, they should sup with us. *Bacon*.
FREESTONE. *n. f.* [*free* and *stone*.] Stone commonly used in building.

Freestone is so named from its being of such a constitution as to be wrought and cut freely in any direction. *Woodward*.
I saw her hand: she has a leathern hand, a *freestone*-coloured hand.
The streets are generally paved with brick or *freestone*, and always kept very neat.

FREETHINKER. *n. f.* [*free* and *think*.] A libertine; a contemner of religion.

Atheist is an old-fashion'd word: I'm a *freethinker*, child. *Addison's Drummer*.

Of what use is freedom of thought, if it will not produce freedom of action, which is the sole end, how remote soever in appearance, of all objections against Christianity? And therefore the *freethinkers* consider it as an edifice, wherein all the parts have such a mutual dependance on each other, that if you pull out one single nail, the whole fabric must fall to the ground. *Swift's Argument against abolishing Christianity*.
FREEWILL. *n. f.* [*free* and *will*.]

1. The power of directing our own actions without constraint by necessity or fate.

We have a power to suspend the prosecution of this or that desire: this seems to me the source of all liberty; in this seems to consist that which is improperly called *freewill*. *Locke*.
2. Voluntariness; spontaneity.

I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel in my realm, which are minded of their own *freewill* to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee. *Ezr. vii. 13*.

FREEWOMAN. *n. f.* [*free* and *woman*.] A woman not enslaved.

All her ornaments are taken away of a *freewoman*; she is become a bondslave. *Mac. ii. 11*.

TO FREEZE. *v. n.* *preter. froze*. [*crisen*, Dutch.]

1. To be congealed with cold.
The aqueous humour of the eye will not *freeze*, which is very admirable, seeing it hath the perspicuity and fluidity of common water. *Ray on the Creation*.

The *freezing* of water, or the blowing of a plant, returning at equidistant periods in all parts of the earth, would as well serve men to reckon their years by as the motions of the sun. *Locke*.

2. To be of that degree of cold by which water is congealed.

Orpheus with his lute made trees
And mountain tops, that *freeze*,
Bow themselves when he did sing. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII*.
Thou art all ice, thy kindness *freezes*. *Shakespeare's Rich. III*.
Heav'n *froze* above severe, the clouds congeal,
And thro' the crystal vault appear'd the standing hail. *Dryd.*

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2. To kill by cold.

When we both lay in the field,
Frozen almost to death, how did he lap me,
Ev'n in his garments! *Shakespeare's Richard III*.
My master and mistress are almost *frozen* to death. *Shakespeare*.

3. To chill by the loss of power or motion.

I have a faint cold fear thrills through my veins,
That almost *freezes* up the heat of life. *Sh. Rom. and Juliet*.

Death came on a main,
And exercis'd below his iron reign;
Then upward to the seat of life he goes;
Sense fled before him, what he touch'd he *froze*. *Dryden*.

TO FREIGHT. *v. a.* *preter. freighted*; *part. freight*; which being now used as an adjective, *freighted* is adopted. [*fretter*, French.]

1. To load a ship or vessel of carriage with goods for transportation.

The princes
Have to the port of Athens sent their ships,
Freight with the ministers and instruments
Of cruel war. *Shak. Troilus and Cressida, Prolog.*

Nor is, indeed, that man less mad than these,
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Persons under bad imputations are no great *frequenters* of churches. *Swift*.

FREQUENTLY. *adv.* [*frequentia*, Latin.] Often; commonly; not rarely; not seldom; a considerable number of times; manifold times.

I could not, without much grief, observe how *frequently* both gentlemen and ladies are at a loss for questions and answers. *Swift's Introduction to Genteel Conversation*.

FRESCO. *n. f.* [*Italian*.]

1. Coolness; shade; duskiness, like that of the evening or morning.

Hellish sprites
Love more the *fresco* of the nights. *Prior*.

2. A picture not drawn in glaring light, but in dusk.

Here thy well-study'd marbles fix our eye;
A fading *fresco* here demands a sigh. *Pope*.

FRESH. *adj.* [*friscus*, Saxon; *fraiche*, French.]

1. Cool; not rapid with heat.

I'll cull the farthest mead for thy repast;
The choicest herbs I to thy board will bring,
And draw thy water from the *fresh* spring. *Prior*.

2. Not salt.

They keep themselves unmixed with the salt water; so that, a very great way within the sea, men may take up as *fresh* water as if they were near the land. *Abbot's Desc. of the World*.

3. New; not impaired by time.

This second source of men, while yet but few,
And while the dread of judgment past remain
Fresh in their minds, fearing the Deity,
With some regard to what's just and right,
Shall lead their lives. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xii.*

That love which first was fet, will first decay;
Mine of a *fresh* date will longer stay. *Dryd. Indian Emp.*

4. In a state like that of recentness.

We will revive those times, and in our memories
Preserve and still keep *fresh*, like flowers in water. *Denham*.

With such a care
As roses from their stalks we tear,
When we would still preserve them new,
And *fresh* as on the bush they grew. *Waller*.

Thou sun, said I, fair light!
And thou enlighten'd earth, so *fresh* and gay! *Milt. P. L.*

5. Recent; newly come.

Amidst the spirits Palinurus pres'd;
Yet *fresh* from life, a new admitted guest. *Dryden's En.*

Fresh from the fact, as in the present case,
The criminals are seiz'd upon the place;
Stiff in denial, as the law appoints,
On engines they distend their tortur'd joints. *Dryden*.

6. Repaired from any loss or diminution.

Nor lies the long; but, as her fates ordain,
Springs up to life, and *fresh* to second pain;
Is sav'd to-day, to-morrow to be slain. *Dryden*.

7. Florid; vigorous; cheerful; unfaded; unimpaired.

This pope is decrepid, and the bell goeth for him: take order that when he is dead there be chosen a pope of *fresh* years, between fifty and threescore. *Bacon's holy War*.

Two swains,
Fresh as the morn, and as the season fair. *Pope*.

8. Healthy in countenance; ruddy.

Tell me,
Hast thou beheld a *fresh* gentlewoman,
Such war of white and red within her cheeks? *Shakespeare*.

It is no rare observation in England to see a *fresh* coloured lusty young man yoked to a consumptive female, and him soon after attending her to the grave. *Harvey on Consumptions*.

They represent to themselves a thousand poor, tall, innocent, *fresh* coloured young gentlemen. *Addison's Spectator*.

9. Brisk; strong; vigorous.

As a *fresh* gale of wind fills the sails of a ship. *Holder*.

10. Falling; opposed to eating or drinking. A low word.

11. Sweet: opposed to stale or stinking.

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